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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to Examination, please amend the above-identified application as outlined below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Following the title "Priority Claim" – please delete the entire original paragraph and substitute the following:

PRIORITY CLAIM

This patent application claims the benefit of the filing dates of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/203,647, filed on May 12, 2000 and entitled APPLICATION TECHNOLOGIES; United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/215,657 filed on July 1, 2000 and entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TISSUE TREATMENT AND MODIFICATION; United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/237,548 filed on September 30, 2000 and entitled METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MATERIAL CONDITIONING – ISM; United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/272,653 filed on February 28, 2001 and entitled METHOD AND A DEVICE FOR MEDIATED MATERIAL MODIFICATION AND CONDITIONING – ISM - III, the entire contents of each of which are hereby expressly incorporated by reference.



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**REMARKS**

This amendment to the specification is being made in order to claim priority to the referenced provisional patent applications.

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